

TWENTIETH
ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE
PHILADELPHIA ORPHAN SOCIETY:

READ AT THE
Anniversary Meeting, January 6, 1835.

PUBLISHED BY ORDER OF THE SOCIETY.

“ Behold the babe wept, and she had compassion on him.”

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The Twentieth Anniversary Meeting of the Orphan Society of Philadelphia was held on the 6th of January, 1835, at the First Presbyterian Church, on Washington Square. The Rev. MR. JAMES officiated, and read the following

REPORT.

AGAIN, and with feelings fresh as when they first appeared before its patrons, the Managers of the Orphan Society, now for the twentieth time, present their infant charge to the public. In looking back through a longer period than usually falls to the lot of individuals to pursue an object, they cannot but reflect with gratitude on the constant stream of benevolence which has fostered this charity, and with humble reverence to the divine source from whence all goodness flows.

Among the hundreds who have been reared in the Asylum, many are pursuing, with honest labour and credit, the various occupations from which early bereavement threatened to debar them access. Frequent assurances are received that our apprentices are giving satisfaction to their employers; and the girls engaged in the Asylum, to bestow on others the gentle care and instruction which has brought them safely through the dangers of childhood, receive merited approbation for respectable conduct and the faithful performance of their duties. Of the matron, who, from the beginning, has devoted her mental and physical strength to the

minute interests and active duties of the household, the Board cannot forbear again to speak, as they consider the example of her unsparing and single hearted exertions due to society; in the future annals of this institution, when time shall have separated her from the scenes of her usefulness, her name will still be identified with the order, the neatness, and the economy of its early success.

During the last summer, the varioloid made its appearance in the Asylum, of which more than sixty of its inmates were patients, and one child fell its victim. An orphan girl, afflicted with diseased eyes, who has on that account been retained in the Asylum past the period of childhood, is at present at Wills' Hospital for the Blind, into which she has been kindly received, for the purpose of trying whether surgical skill can afford her a remedy. Fifteen have been indentured under the usual circumstances, with a fair prospect of having their onward path of life carefully guided; and one boy, disabled by a defect in his arm from obtaining a mechanical trade, has been apprenticed to the teacher of a school, to whom thirty dollars per annum is to be paid for three years, out of the orphan's fund, while he receives instruction for his vocation. This fund, which every little hand in the Asylum contributes to raise, (by the articles offered for sale at the tables), is applied to unfortunate children of the institution when they no longer claim a home in the Asylum—nor the bounty of their first benefactors. A portion is also reserved for loans to those who may require aid to establish them in their future callings. Thus the plan of early occupation adopted on their first introduction into school, not only exercises a beneficial influence on their character,

but produces efficient means for each, and for all when they most need it. Fourteen children have been admitted during the year; the family consists of ninety-five, at present all in good health. A brick wall enclosing the ground has been completed, at an expense not exceeding the original calculation, of which and other expenditures we refer to the Treasurer's report. Four thousand three hundred dollars have been spent for the maintenance of the family.

Though sensible that great munificence has been extended to this Society, the Board must still solicit the continuance of annual contributions—on these they still depend for the means of discharging the just demands upon them. They review the past with hearts filled with gratitude—look to the future with the eye of hope, while the present is cheered by the countenance of steadfast friends through this wide community. Helpless orphans are the adopted children of benevolent Pennsylvania. The God of Mercy has pointed them out as objects of his favour; by his title of Father to the Fatherless, he emphatically urges their claim to succour and protection.

Dr.

The Orphan Society of Philadelphia, in account with the Treasurer.

Cr.

1834.	D.	C.	1834.	D.	C.
To cash paid Purchasing Committee, and expended by them in support of the Asylum, - -	4300 00		By balance from last year,		325 34
To cash, repairs to real estate,	579 37		By cash, annual subscriptions,		252 00
To cash, water rents and taxes,	189 40		By cash, life subscriptions and dona- tions, - - -		246 00
To cash, freedom fees, -	80 00		By cash, dividends on stocks,		2715 00
To cash, erection of wall, -	2523 84		By cash, rent of Wills' House,		650 00
To cash, incidental expenses,	51 00		By cash, ground rents, -		12 10
To balance in the treasury,	333 42		By cash, legacies, - -		1172 50
			By cash, charity box and collections,		51 84
			By cash, binding fees from Mr. Christian, - - -		15 00
			By cash, fines on the Managers,		4 75
			By cash, nett proceeds of sale of children's work, -		112 50
			By cash, borrowed from Legacy fund for the erection of wall,		2500 00
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The Committee appointed to examine the Treasurer's accounts, find them correct.

Dr. *The Orphan Asylum of Philadelphia, in account with the Purchasing Committee.* Cr.

1834.	D.	C.	1834.	By cash received at sundry times from the treasurer, - Balance due the Committee,	D.	C.
Balance due from last year,		08				
Matron, assistants, and teachers' salaries, - - -	664	25			4300	00
Furniture and house repairs,	245	75				609
Fuel, - - -	221	17				
Groceries, - - -	291	89				
Meat, vegetables, and Indian meal,	1100	90				
Bread and milk, - - -	883	24				
Medical expenses, - - -	29	05				
Clothing, - - -	823	80				
School expenses, - - -	32	96				
Sundries, - - -	13	00				
	4306	09			4306	09

OFFICERS FOR THE YEAR 1835.

First Directress.

MRS. SARAH W. FISHER.

Second Directress.

MRS. LÆTITIA BUCHANAN.

Treasurer.

MRS. JULIA R. WILLIAMS.

Secretary.

MISS REBECCA GRATZ.

Managers.

Mrs. Sarah W. Fisher,
Mrs. Lætitia Buchanan,
Mrs. Julia R. Williams,
Mrs. Mary Yorke,
Mrs. Anne Morris,
Mrs. Eliza Otto,
Mrs. Mary Thomas,
Mrs. Sarah L. Mifflin,
Mrs. Mary Gillaspy,
Mrs. Anna Dundas,
Mrs. Margaret Vaux,
Mrs. Rebecca Chester,
Mrs. Rebecca Simmons,
Mrs. Elizabeth Latimer,
Miss Rebecca Gratz,
Miss Eliza Ralston,
Miss Margaret Latimer,
Miss Harriet Barclay,
Miss Theodosia Bayard,
Miss Mary Smith,
Miss Gertrude E. Meredith,
Miss Sarah Richards,
Miss Marie Markoe,
Miss Abigail Cooper.

CONTRIBUTIONS FOR 1835.

ANNUAL SUBSCRIBERS.

Miss M. D. Fox,	-	-	-	-	\$ 2 00
Mrs. F. Lewis,	-	-	-	-	2 00
Mrs. M. Neale,	-	-	-	-	2 00
Mrs. W. Rogers,	-	-	-	-	2 00

LIFE SUBSCRIBER.

Mrs. A. M'Cray,	-	-	-	-	\$ 30 00
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DONATIONS.

Mr. John Grigg, in books,	-	-	\$ 10 00
Mrs. L. R. Bailey,	-	-	1 00
Mrs. James Black,	-	-	4 00
George Harrison, Esq.,	-	-	100 00
Mrs. R. Ralston,	-	-	5 00
Cash at the annual meeting,	-	-	2 00

LEGACIES.

John Brown Esq., by his executor I. B. Parker Esq., remitting inheritance tax,	-	\$ 100 00
Mrs. Rebecca Huddell, by her executor Capt. Roatch, deducting inheritance tax,	-	97 50
Mrs. Esther Waters, by her executor, deducting inheritance tax,	-	970 50
J. Hemphill Esq., by his executor M. Ralston Esq., a donation to Orphan's fund,	-	300 00
Elliston Perot Esq., by his executor J. Perot Esq., remitting inheritance tax,	-	100 00

FORM OF RELINQUISHMENT OF CHILDREN TO
BE RECEIVED INTO THE ASYLUM.

“ I do hereby surrender to *The Orphan Society of Philadelphia*, the child A. B., to be provided for, instructed, and bound out by the said Society, for such term of years, within lawful age, as may appear to be proper, engaging that I will not demand or receive any compensation for the same, or in any way interfere with the views or directions of the Society.”

FORM OF A BEQUEST TO THE ORPHAN SOCIETY.

MONEY LEGACY.

“ I give and bequeath unto *The Orphan Society of Philadelphia*, the sum of _____ to be paid to the Treasurer for the time being, for the use of said Society.”

DEVISE OF REAL ESTATE AND GROUND RENTS.

“ I give and devise unto *The Orphan Society of Philadelphia*, [here describe the property or ground rent] together with the appurtenances, in fee simple.”

